Year	Foodgrains production (Million Tonnes)		Growth Rates (Percentage)	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
1991-92	182.50	168.38	3.40	+4.54
1992-93	183.00	179.48	0.27	6.59
1993-94	188.00	184.26	2.73	2.66
1994-95	189.00	191.50	0.53	3.93
1995-96	192.00	180.42	1.59	+5.79
1996-97	193.50	199.44	0.78	10.54
1997-98	200.00	192.43	3.36	+3.51
Average Annual Gr. Rate (1987-88 to 1997-98)			2.27	3.47

Production and Storage of Wheat

315. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are expecting a bumper wheat harvest of 67 million tonnes this summer as against 63.5 million tonnes produced during the last year; and

(b) if so, whether Government plan to store the excess wheat crop so as to utilise it for healthy consumption in case of shortages in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) According to advance estimates, the production of wheat during 1998-99 is likely to be 69.13 million tonnes as against the production of 65.90 million tonnes during last year.

(b) The Government has got a system of creating buffer stock through Food Corporation of India and other agencies. Wheat is procured on its harvest at the minimum support prices for providing stable food security environment in future.

Production and Export of Mushrooms

316. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to increase the production and export of mushrooms;

(b) if so, the States where mushrooms are being grown;

(c) the incentives granted by the Central Government to the States to increase areas under mushroom cultivation in view of its tremendous export potentiality;

(d) the projection made for the purpose for Ninth Plan; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The Government of India have initiated various measures to increase the production and export of mushroom in the country. Even though mushroom is grown all over country, it is grown extensively in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and North Eastern states. Production of mushroom has increased from 25,000 tonnes in 1992-93 to 40,000 tonnes in 1996-97 and exports have registered an increase from Rs. 2066 lakhs to Rs. 5128 lakhs during this period.